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Sarah Parker Remond: A Black Abolitionist in Ireland, 1859

Guest Speaker: Maureen D. Brady

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

A Virtual Presentation via Zoom

Sarah Remond was the free-born daughter of activist parents who owned successful businesses in Salem, MA, where she was born. When the Salem school board implemented segregation, Sarah was duly dismissed, persuading her parents to move to Newport, RI, to enable their daughter to attend a well-regarded private school for Black children. The family resided in Newport for six years (1835-41), and re-established their business while Sarah received an education during her formative pre-teen and teenage years. This educational foundation would prove invaluable to Sarah's later life when she became a devoted abolitionist and dynamic agent for the American Anti-Slavery Society. In 1859, Sarah traveled to Ireland on a lecture tour, presenting to standing-room-only crowds, becoming the first African American woman to speak publicly in the country. Like her friend Frederick Douglass, her time in Ireland was transformative, changing the trajectory of her life's work. She never returned to America, choosing self-imposed exile over socially-imposed inequality, achieving successes that would have been impossible in the land of her birth, while establishing herself as a civil rights activist, feminist, and international champion of justice.

MAUREEN D. BRADY holds a Master of Arts (MA) in Irish and Irish American Studies from New York University's Glucksman Ireland House, including coursework and research at Trinity College Dublin. She is a faculty member at the lifelong learning programs of Rutgers University's Osher Institute and Brookdale Community College, where she teaches courses in Irish literature and Irish history. In 2022, Brady was chosen as a "Top 100 Irish American Leader" in New Jersey by *insidernj.com* and was the winner of the Marlene Pomper Distinguished Teacher Award at Rutgers University. Brady also served as a Steering Committee member and Marketing Director for the Irish American Cultural Institute. We are delighted to welcome Ms. Brady to this, her first lecture for the Museum of Newport Irish History.

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